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Central library

will close early

Denver's Central Library, at 14th Avenue and Broadway, closes early today - at 3 p.m. - in preparation for a benefit preview of the Children's Library and Burnham Hoyt Room.

Webb ally likely

to get airport post

Wilma Taylor, a confidante and political ally of Mayor Wellington Webb, is expected to be named soon as a special assistant to Denver Aviation Manager Jim DeLong.

Taylor, once an aide to former Denver City Councilman Bill Roberts, recently served as liaison between the aviation department and the Denver City Council. She also has worked on special Denver International Airport projects, including a search for an operator of a buffalo grazing and buffalo-meat sales concession at DIA.

A DIA official said DeLong will be busy next year as chairman of Airports Council International, the airport industry's trade group, and will need help running the aviation department in his absence.

Taylor apparently has no experience running an airport or negotiating with airlines. She could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Webb said the aviation manager will outline Taylor's duties when DeLong returns from a business trip to the Far East.

Kmart reopens

after monoxide woes

A Kmart store at 8500 W. Crestline Ave. reopened yesterday after an apparently faulty heater sent five employees to the hospital Sunday night for treatment of carbon-monoxide poisoning.

A store official said the heat will remain off until the problem is pinpointed and repairs made.

Charity extends

torchbearer deadline

Mile High United Way has extended its deadline for people to apply to be a community hero torchbearer of the Olympic flame next summer.

Anyone who has made a meaningful contribution by helping others can be nominated for the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay, which spans 15,000 miles and travels through 42 states over 84 days. For details and nomination forms, call United Way at 433-8383.

Suspects sought

in kidnapping

Two men pushed their way into the home of a woman as she opened her door in the 2700 block of Marion Street on Saturday night, police reported.

Once inside, they pulled a knife on her and demanded money. When she told them she had no money, they ransacked the house. Friends of the woman knocked at the door shortly after 9 p.m., but she was told to keep quiet until they left. The men then ordered her out of the house and into her car. She was forced to drive them around town, police said.

She broke free without being harmed after she told the suspects that the car needed gas. They stepped out of the car at a gasoline station, and she took off.

Police are looking for two men in the kidnapping, but no arrests have been made.

Postmaster warns

of bad-check scam

Postal inspectors warned area businesses yesterday to be on the alert for checks endorsed "Certified Bankers Check - Controller Warrant" and "Redeemable at Office of Postmaster - Payable on sight."

Authorities said the checks bear the signature of Leroy M. Schweitzer as the endorser, carry special account number 8502799406 and lien number 9300020280 and frequently are presented at financial institutions to pay a debt.

In some cases, the checks are made out for more than the debt and a refund is requested.

John Freeman, postal inspector in charge of the Denver division, said the checks are believed to originate from an anti-government organization.

Anyone with information should contact the Postal Inspection Service at 295-5320.

TV station defends

story on inmates

A television report about "pampered" inmates in Colorado prisons was one-sided, distorted and in some cases instances inaccurate, state legislators complained yesterday.

But Marv Rockford, general manager of KCNC-TV Channel 4, stood by the report and invited any lawmaker who takes issue with it to talk with him.

"I was just incensed by the whole thing," said state Sen. Joan Johnson, D-Adams County. She and some other members of the legislature's Capital Development Committee, including Chairman Don Ament, R-Iliff, favored making a formal protest.

The two-part series showed inmates playing basketball, using music rooms, computers, law libraries and recreational facilities at the prison at Limon.

Brian Burnett, a spokesman for prison administrators, said the amenities were either donated or obtained without tax dollars. He said the report was distorted and didn't show inmates working.

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